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This email is the final response of the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to the attached Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (FOIA No. FY17-6) we received from you on November 1, 2016 requesting "the Mandatory Declassification Review (MDR) LOG maintained by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR)."

After a search of our files, we have located four (4) pages of responsive records. Portions of the records have been redacted because we reasonably foresee that disclosure would harm an interest protected by FOIA Exemption 5, which protects from disclosure "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency." The redacted materials are exempt under the deliberative process privilege, which protects the decision making processes of the executive branch in order to safeguard the quality and integrity of governmental decisions. The deliberative process privilege protects materials that are both pre-decisional and deliberative. The privilege covers records that reflect the give-and-take of the consultative process and may include recommendations, draft documents, proposals, suggestions and other subjective documents which reflect the personal opinions of the write rather than the policy of the agency. The information that has been withheld does not contain or represent formal or informal agency policies or decisions. The release of the redacted information would expose the interagency decision-making process in such a way as to discourage candid collaboration between agencies, and thereby undermine the ability of these agencies to perform their mandated functions.

This constitutes a final response from the USTR. You may contact me, as well as our FOIA Public Liaison Ms. Jacqueline Caldwell at 202-395-3419 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may also administratively appeal by writing to: USTR FOIA Appeals Committee, GSD/RDF; Jacqueline Caldwell, Anacostia Naval Annex, Bldg. 410/Door 123, 250 Murray Lane, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20509.

Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of the response to your request. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked: "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" and should include a reference to the FOIA Case File number listed below. Heightened security in force may delay mail delivery; therefore we suggest that you also email any such appeal to [foia@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:foia@ustr.eop.gov).

In the event you are dissatisfied with the results of any such appeal, judicial review will thereafter be available to you in the United States District Court for the judicial district in which you reside or have your principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, where we searched for the records you requested.

Thank you,

Melissa Keppel  
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